

NWRWVG Joint Committee September 2014

Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd September 2014

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 3rd September 2014@ 2.00 PM
Magherafelt District Council Offices

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council

Alderman Cecil Cousley

Councillor Evelyne Robinson (Chair)

Coleraine Borough Council

Aidan Mullan

Derry City Council

Councillor Bridget Meehan

Councillor Sean Carr

Jim McGrath

Limavady Borough Council

Alderman Jack Rankin

Liam Flanigan

Martin McNicholl

Moyle District Council

Councillor Robert McIlroy

Aidan McPeake

Magherafelt District Council

Councillor Martin Kearney

Andrew Cassells

Strabane District Council

Malcolm Scott

Councillor Kieran McGuire

NWRWVG

Eamon Molloy

Keith Swerdlick

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor William King

Councillor Jay McCauley

John Dempsey

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Conor Canning
Philip Kingston
Sharon O'Connor

Item 2 - Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd July 2014

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee.

The minutes were **PROPOSED** by Alderman Cousley and **SECONDED** by Councillor McIlroy

Item 3 - Matters Arising

There being no matters arising the Chair moved to the next item of business.

Mr Wayne Foord and Mr George Row joined the meeting.

Item 4 - Presentation by Zero Waste North West

Mr Foord and Mr Row of Zero Waste North West gave a presentation to the Joint Committee entitled 'Zero Waste Resource Management - Moving to the circular economy' and issued an accompanying briefing paper, (copies attached at Appendix 1).

The Presentation covered the following areas: -

- Policy Drivers
- The linear economy
- Resource Management
- Zero Waste - an holistic approach
- Zero Waste - Connett's ten steps
- Benefits of Zero Waste
- Zero Waste Best Practice

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The presenters emphasised Zero Waste as a positive message which requires a clear commitment, resource awareness and education of the public. In addition they pointed out that it should be seen as a process.

The Chair thanked both for their presentation which she stated was informative and interesting. She invited contributions from the floor and various members commented and concurred with the Chair's remarks and in particular the following areas were discussed:-

- The need for separation of the various material streams
- Cost per household
- Investment for long-term benefit
- Re-education is fundamental
- Contribution zero waste can make to meeting targets
- Need for research and improvements in industrial design
- Stimulation of the local economy
- Low tech, labour intensive solution - v - High tech

Upon an offer by Zero Waste North West from Professor Paul Connett that he was willing to video link with the Committee at a future date to discuss further the concept of zero waste, it was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Meehan and **SECONDED** by Councillor McGuire that the Joint Committee should take up this offer.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee again thanks Mr Foord and Mr Row.

Mr Foord and Mr Row left the meeting.

Item 5 - Tenders for Residual Waste and HWRC collected Waste

The Development Officer referred to the attached paper and informed members that the evaluation process has now begun and a report will be brought to members in due course.

Item 6 - Review of the Waste Management Plan

The Development Officer updated members on the review of the Waste Management Plan. He advised that in order to get the plan into individual member council committee

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cycles it may be prudent to convene another Joint Committee meeting later in the month. It was agreed that if the plan is ready for consideration that the Joint Committee would convene on 24th September at 2:00 PM at Moyle District Council offices.

Item 7 - Waste Programme Board

The Development Officer referred to the attached paper and letter from the Department on the above matter. Councillor McIlroy **Proposed** and Alderman Cousley **Seconded** the extension of Councillor Robinson's tenure as the NWRWVG Joint Committee representative to the Waste Programme Board until the 1st April 2015.

Item 8- Corporate Risk Register

The Development Officer updated members on the register. Members noted the report.

Item 9- MDR Contract - Arbitration

The Development Officer referred to previous discussions on this matter and informed members that an independent arbiter has been agreed to by all parties. The legal teams will now agree a timetable for the arbitration.

Item 10- A.O.B

The Chair informed members that Mr John Quinn of Arc21 will take up the role of CIWM President in October; the Chair suggested that once he is inaugurated that the Committee should write to him wishing him well for his year of office.

The meeting terminated at 3:30 PM

Signed:


Cllr Evelyne Robinson
Chair